Poultry, Sheep and Piggery development in Andhra Pradesh

922. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA Will the Minister or AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sponsor some schemes/projects on poultry, Sheep and piggery development in Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for those schemes/projects; and

the details of the schemes/projects already sponsored, if any, and the amount already spent and the amount earmarked for 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OP AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. There are projects to sponsor schemes on poultry and sheep development in Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89.

(b) and (c) The amount spent during 1987-88 and amount earmarked for the year 1988-89 for the schemes is given in the Statement.

Statement

CentraVCentially sponsored schemes for the development of Poultry md Sheep in Andhra Pradesh -amount released during 1987-88 *and earmarked for* 1988-89

(Rs. in lakhs)

SAHEME	Amount spent	Amount earmarked during 1988-89
	released during 1987-88	
(a) establishment of backyard poultry production units for the fit of rural poor and providing employment opportunities women in tribal back ward and and remote areas . .	0.75	1 97
(b) to provide financial assistance to existing state level poultry cor-		10 00
(c) grant-in-aid to state sheep breeding farms		10 00
(a) orginisa'ion of state wool boards/corporations/federations		5 00

Civil Supplies Ministers' Conference

923. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Civil Supplies Ministers' meeting held in July. 1988. demanded that Central Government include Cement production and the release of levy cement to States in the Essential Commodities Act;

(b) if so, waht was the reaction of Government to their demand; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the cement factories are not honouring the Central Government's allotment of levy cement to States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Cement is an item which already stands declared as an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

(c) It is not correct to say that the cement factories are not honouring the Central Government allotment of levy cement to States. Sometimes due to loss of production, movement constraints etc., the factories may not be in a position to

keep the delivery schedule. AH such cases reported to Developmnt Commissioner for Cement Industry are taken up by them with concerned factories.

Construction of godowns in A.P.

924. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND OIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh have requested 50 per cent grant for the construc-ton of godowns in all the Mandal headquarters in the State to store rice, Palmolein oil and kerosene;

(b) whether Government have accepted the proposal; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

925. *[Transferred to the 29th Novem ber* 1988.]

Slag cement plant at Rourkela

926. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleas ed to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a slag cement plant at Rourkela;

(b) whether Steel Authority of India has taken any step in that regard;

(c) if so, by when the proposed plant is likely to be commissioned and begin commercial production; and

(d) the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHR! MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Last year Government of India had received a proposal from Government of Orissa to set up a slag cement plant at Rourkela. However, the Steel Aumority of India did not find the proposal to be viable.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Presence of pesticides in food beyond permissible limit

927. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact float several studies conducted by ICAR conclusively show presence of pesticides in food beyond permissible limits and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such studies on food have been conducted on all the pesticides registered in the country and if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) whether any legal proceedings have been launched anywhere in the country since the promulgation of Insecticides Act or under PFA and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) In the field crops, residues for 23 insecticides have so far been studied and results have le-vealed that mostly the residue levels are below the tolerance limit. Moreover, waiting period, washing_ cooking, dehydration, rubbing, etc. also help in reducing the residue levels considerably. In some cases however residues do exceed the prescribed tolerance levels mainly due to th indiscriminate use as well as wrong time and method of application.

(b) No, Sir. Not all the pesl;c'des registered in the country have been studied for their residues *in* food crops and mere studies are being contemplated in Ail India Coordinated Project on Pesticides Residue.

(c) No legal proceedings have so far been launched regarding presence of pesti-cids in food under the Insecticide Act 1968. So far as PFA Act 1954 is concerned, the maximum residual tolerance limits or 31 pesticides have been prescribed in commonly used articles of food under the prevention of Food Adulteration Rules 1955. As per information made available
by States/Union Territories during the year